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FOR SIMONS FROM SCHMIDT

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. PAINTING. BOB KING FROM NSC HAS SUGGESTED THAT YOU FORWARD THE CARTER-CEAUSESCU PAINTING TO US AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY. THE WHITE HOUSE OR STATE DEPARTMENT WILL STORE IT UNTIL APPROPRIATE USE OF THIS PAINTING CAN BE MADE. IN REGARD TO A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PAINTER, BOB SUGGESTED THAT YOU SEND A REQUEST (PLUS A PHOTO OF THE PAINTING) AND HE OR HIS SUCCESSOR WILL TRY TO GET IT.

2. KING'S REPLACEMENT. BOB KING WILL BE LEAVING THE NSC AT THE END OF AUGUST. STEPHEN LARRABEE, A FORMER STUDENT OF BRZEZINSKI AND A FORMER ANALYST FOR RFE, WILL REPLACE HIM.

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3. EMIGRATION FIGURES. IN CONNECTION WITH THE POSSIBLE VISIT BY DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ, I WOULD APPRECIATE IF LOU COULD SEND US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE LATEST FIGURES (UP TO AND INCLUDING THE MONTH OF AUGUST) ON EMIGRATION TO THE U.S. AND ISRAEL.

4. NEWSPAPERS. FRANK IS LOOKING INTO THE AMBASSADOR'S

REQUEST FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES (DAILY AND SUNDAY ISSUES)
AS WELL AS THE WASHINGTON POST AND AS SOON AS HE HAS MORE
DEFINITE WORD ON HOW WE CAN BEST ACCOMPLISH THIS HE WILL
LET YOU KNOW.

5. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED OUR
CABLE FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING ON AUGUST 25 WITH
BOGDAN. WE SHARED THE AMBASSADOR'S CABLE (BUCHAREST 5828)
WITH BARTOCHA WHICH PROVED TO BE VERY HELPFUL IN GETTING
HIS AGREEMENT TO THE APPROACH OUTLINED IN OUR RESPONSE.
(WE HAD MADE OUR ORIGINAL MESSAGE - STATE 208041 - LIMDIS
TO EXCLUDE OTHER AGENCIES AROUND TOWN INVOLVED IN EX-
CHANGES WITH ROMANIA, BUT INCLUDED NSF ON DISTRIBUTION.)
I AM CONVINCED THAT BARTOCHA'S REMARKS TO NICOLAE WERE FOR
TACTICAL REASONS. HE ALLOWED TO BOB MORRIS AND ME IN OUR
MEETING ON AUGUST 17 THAT PERHAPS HE SHOULD NOT HAVE SAID
WHAT HE DID, BUT THAT HE IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM HIS
STAFF AND DIRECTOR ATKINSON ABOUT THE ROMANIAN PROGRAM.

6. NIMETZ TRIP. OUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOU TO PROPOSE THIS
TO THE GOR ARE TEMPORARILY HELD UP OVER WHETHER THE WHITE
HOUSE CAN DESIGNATE HIM AS A "PRESIDENTIAL" EMISSARY OR
NOT. WE THINK THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE EFFORT CONSIDERABLY
IN ROMANIAN EYES, BUT, SINCE BRZEZINSKI DOESN'T RETURN TO
WASHINGTON UNTIL MONDAY, AND THERE ARE SOME SUBSTANTIVE NSC
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DOUBTS AS WELL, WE MAY DROP THAT IDEA. MATT WOULD PLAN TO
COME FOR TALKS ON SEPTEMBER 8 AFTER A STOP IN CYPRUS.

7. KUN TRAVEL. YOU WILL BE GETTING BY ANOTHER CHANNEL
A MESSAGE ON THE PROPOSED TRAVEL OF ANALYST JOE KUN. WE
HAVE GIVEN TENTATIVE CLEARANCE, SUBJECT TO THE
EMBASSY'S VIEWS. FRANK HAS TALKED TO JOE ABOUT HIS INTEREST
IN A SIDE TRIP TO TRANSYLVANIA TO LOOK INTO HUNGARIAN
MINORITY QUESTIONS. JOE'S IDEA, WHICH WE AGREE WITH,
WOULD BE TO MAKE SUCH A TRIP WITH SUCH AN EMBASSY OFFICER,
EITHER JOHN TIPTON OR WHOEVER ELSE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SO.
CHRISTOPHER

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